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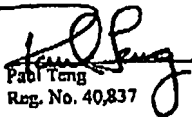
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated May 16, 2007 in connection with the above-identified application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims beginning on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.